

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Andreas M. ZEIHNER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/534,985	)	Examiner: Lisa V. Cook
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Int'l Filing Date: November 10, 2003	)	
§371(c) Date: October 23, 2006	)	
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For: SCD40L AND PLACENTAL	)	Confirmation No.: 1864
GROWTH FACTOR (PLGF) USED	)	
AS A BIOCHEMICAL MARKER	)	
COMBINATION IN	)	
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and this Reply to Office Action, to satisfy the submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Thus, In response to the final Office Action mailed September 14, 2010, the time for reply being extended two months to February 14, 2010, by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims starting on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** start on page 9 of this paper.